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July 26, 1901

Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good. Ship and passenger certificates inclosed.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 3, steamship *S. Oteri*; number of crew, 35; passengers from this port, 9; passengers in transit—none; baggage disinfected, 23. July 5, steamship *España*; number of crew, 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Brotten*; number of crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. July 6, steamship *Foxhall*; number of crew, 25; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ITALY.

Prevalence of smallpox in Messina, Sicily.

MESSINA, SICILY, June 15, 1901.

SIR: I beg leave to report that smallpox prevails here, and while the authorities hesitate to declare it epidemic they treat it as such, having ordered compulsory vaccination throughout the city. While the health reports state that there are only about 60 cases, I know from private information that the number of cases reported falls far short of the actual number.

If compulsory vaccination is believed necessary for the people here, I have concluded that I am justified in also requiring the same treatment for the crews of ships bound for the United States, those persons employed in loading fruit being constantly exposed to the infection in the neighborhood in which they live and work. I have informed Dr. Eager, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service at Naples, of the condition of affairs here.

CHAS. M. CAUGHEY,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Report from Naples—Smallpox continues—No plague in Oporto.

NAPLES, ITALY, July 8, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended July 7, 1901, the following ship was inspected:

On July 4, the steamship *Trave*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 394 steerage passengers and 74 pieces of large baggage. Four hundred and seventy-four pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.